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SUBJECT: CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE TALKS

FROM MULCAHY FOR ASST. SEC. DAVIS

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM USUN: "CONGOLESE PERMREP MONDJO INFORMED MISOFF MAY 8 THAT GOCB READY TO OPEN TALKS AND REQUESTS PROPOSED DATE FROM DEPT. CONGOLESE NOW PREFER NEW YORK AS VENUE, WITH WASHINGTON AS ALTERNATE CHOICE."

2. I WOULD BE INCLINED TO GO ALONG WITH TALKS IN NEW YORK, SINCE IT OFFERS MORE NEUTRAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH CONGOLESE HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE BUT WOULD STILL PERMIT OUR INTERLOCUTEURS TO BE IN EASY REACH OF DEPARTMENT.

3. OUR PRESENT THINKING IS TO RESPOND THAT, IN VIEW OF OTHER COMMITMENTS ALREADY SCHEDULED, THE WEEK OF JUNE 9 IS THE EARLIEST AVAILABLE TIME FOR TALKS TO BEGIN AND WE
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ARE PREPARED TO MEET IN NEW YORK AT THAT TIME.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON BOTH LOCALE AND
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